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## **SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW**

### Attendees, Date and Type of Interview

The interview was conducted by telephone on August 20, 2008 and attended by:

- 1) Examiner Jerry Cumberledge;
- 2) Sabing H. Lee, Registration Number 43,745; and
- 3) Douglas B. Espenschied, Associate, Knobbe, Martens, Olson & Bear, LLP.

### Exhibits and/or Demonstrations

None

### Identification of Claims Discussed

Claim 6 and new Claim 49

### Identification of Prior Art Discussed

U.S. Patent No. 5,454,823 to Richardson et al.

### Proposed Amendments

Addition of new Claims 44-49, as set forth above.

### Principal Arguments and Other Matters

Claim 6 and new Claim 49 define over the prior art. Applicant discussed with the Examiner that the Richardson reference does not include proximal and distal needle holders as recited in Claim 6, among other limitations. With regard to new Claim 49, Applicant discussed with the Examiner that the Richardson reference does not include first and second needle holders as recited in Claim 49, among other limitations.

### Results of Interview

The Examiner appeared to agree that the limitations of Claims 6 and 49 distinguished over the Richardson reference.